(e) and (f) (i) Additional Quick Reaction Teams(QRTs) have been deployed, (ii) Patroll ing and guarding of perimeter wall has been strengthened, and (iii) Steps have been taken for strengthening illumination around perimeter wall. During 2000-01, Rs.21.47 crores was incurred on security set up.

Addition to AI Fleet

3829. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not a single aircraft has been added to the fleet of Air India since long;

(b) if so, whether the non-acquisition of aircraft in the fleet of Air India has an adverse effect on its revenue income;

(c) if so, the present financial position of Air India; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make Air India viable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Though Air India has not purchased any new aircraft since 1997, yet they have recently inducted 4 A310-300 aircraft on drylease with a view to augment its routes and passengers carrying capacity.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Air India is estimated to incur a loss of less than fifty crores during the year 2000-01. This is mainly due to increase in fuel prices. If there had been no increase in fuel prices, they could have achieved a profit of about Rs.200 crores in 2000-01. During the year 2001-02, the net profit is projected at Rs.21.50 crores. Air India has taken various steps to make them viable such as (i) freeze on external recruitment in non-operational categories; (ii) Several posts of India-based officers abroad have been abolished; (iii) Rolling back of retirement age from 60 to 58 years; (iv) Redeployment of employees from non-operational areas; (v) Two voluntary schemes have been notified *viz.* shorter working scheme and leave without pay and allowance scheme for a period of two years extendable upto five years.